



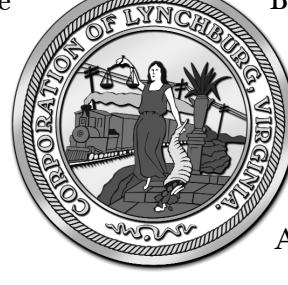
# The City Source

Newsletter Publication for Lynchburg Citizens

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## You Are Cordially Invited...

On Monday, February 11, Mayor Joan F. Foster and Vice Mayor Bert Dodson, Jr. will deliver the State of the City Address. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 900 Church Street. A reception will follow. You are cordially invited to attend. The event will also be aired live on Cable Channel 7 (Note: Soon to be LTV Channel 15).



The State of the City Address provides the Mayor and Vice Mayor an opportunity to bring together the citizens of Lynchburg, and talk with them about the accomplishments, challenges, and events of the past year and the issues that will shape the City's future.

In addition to the State of the City Address, the Mayor and Vice Mayor will recognize eight individuals with the Mayor's Community Service Award of Excellence. This year's recipients include Edward M. Barksdale, Sr., Stephen Bozeman, Gene D. Gallagher, Hermina W. Hendricks, Alice T. Mabry, Anne Adams Robertson Massie, J. Randolph Nelson, and Ann van de Graaf.

The Vice Mayor's Young Adult Award will be given to two young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 that have demonstrated leadership and service to the community. This year's award winners are Daniel W. Dixon and Charles B. White.

## Lynchburg's New Government Channel 15

Ever wonder how and where your tax dollars are being spent? Want to know more about that new program at Parks and Recreation? Need the latest information on city services like trash pick-up or leaf collection?

Now it can all be found in one place, on one TV channel. Starting Friday, February 15, "LTV" (the Lynchburg Government Channel) will hit the air on Comcast Cable Channel 15. LTV will carry every City Council and Planning Commission meeting live, with rebroadcasts available several times a week. It also will include new programming, featuring



City departments and the services they provide. News conferences, ribbon cuttings, and other special events will be broadcast on the new channel, as well as important community information about applying for City jobs, street closings, and weather cancellations.

Mark your calendar now for Friday, February 15 and watch LTV Channel 15!



The grand re-opening celebrations of the Lynchburg Museum took place last week and attracted hundreds of people who enjoyed brand new exhibits and tasty refreshments.



have shaped Central Virginia. Exhibits and treasures of all kinds are currently on display—silver and furniture made in Lynchburg, fine art, antique toys, Civil war memorabilia, sports, artifacts from the civil rights era, aviation, music, and much more!

The Lynchburg Museum System offers a variety of school tours and programs based on the Virginia Standards of Learning and can provide tours for all ages. Our Museum Educator also does outreach programs for local schools, bringing hands-on materials into your classroom. Please call soon to reserve your time. (434) 455-6226

Come visit the Lynchburg Museum and explore the history of Lynchburg and the Virginia Piedmont. The Museum is located at the Old Court House and is one of the most visible landmarks in Lynchburg. Built in 1855, it stands at the top of Monument Terrace at 901 Court Street, sharing stories about the people and fascinating events that

## LEO is Coming Soon!

LEO (Lynchburg Employment Opportunities) is a new and improved web-based City employment application process. LEO is a paperless system that makes it easy and quick to apply for City jobs. With the implementation of LEO, the City will no longer accept paper applications. Assistance with using the system or setting up an email account will be available at the Main Library and in Human Resources in City Hall.

More information about LEO will be available on the City's website, in March at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov).



**LEO**

## Making a Difference...

This week over 750 residents began a six week journey with the *Community Dialogue on Race and Racism*. Participants are meeting in small groups at numerous locations throughout the city.



**COMMUNITY DIALOGUE  
ON RACE & RACISM**

After the six week round of *Study Circles*, organizers will convene an Action Forum. The Action Forum brings all the participants together in a large group setting designed to pool the action idea from the individual *Study Circles*. From the Action Forum new groups will form to begin work on the ideas chosen in the Forum.

"The Action Forum is scheduled for mid-April and we are working on the plans for that now," said Dialogue Coordinator Margaret Schmitt. "The Forum is the first step in taking the dialogue to action."

People move from the *Study Circles* into action in many ways. Sometimes, people take action on their own or a single study circle may adopt an action idea and move forward to implement it. Community and civic organizations often will take the lead on implementing an idea and there could be institutional and policy changes.

"I think it will be exciting to learn what the community will have to say and to have them step up to implement their ideas," said Schmitt.

## Lynchburg Reads

The Lynchburg Reads book for 2008 is "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?" by Beverly Daniel Tatum. The author applies her expertise on race to argue that straight talk about racial identity is essential to the nation. The book also enhances the Community Dialogue on Race and Racism. All citizens are encouraged to read the book and discuss it with family and friends. There will be a book discussion at the library on

**Wednesday, March 19 at 1:00 p.m.**

President of Spelman College in Atlanta, Dr. Tatum is a renowned authority on race relations in the classroom and the development of racial identity. She participated in President Clinton's "Dialogue on Race," lectures extensively throughout the country, and conducts numerous workshops with students, educators, and parents.

Dr. Tatum will deliver the Rosel Schewel Lecture on Education and Human Diversity at Lynchburg College on **Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.** She will speak to students at E.C. Glass High School earlier that day. We would like to thank our sponsors, the Friends of the Library, the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, the Mahlon and Gerald Thomas Hutchison Memorial Fund, and Lynchburg College, for helping to bring Dr. Tatum to Lynchburg.

Multiple copies of the book are available at both libraries. For more information, call 455-6310.

## Penguins & Pearls Ball

**Saturday, February 16**

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

with celebrity DJ Sandi Conner

**Forest Recreation Center**

Near the intersection of Rt. 221 & Rt. 811

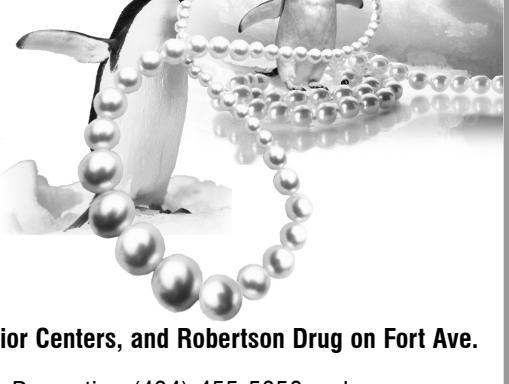
**Tickets \$7.00 Advance/\$10.00 at Door**

**Tickets are available at the Miller Center, Senior Centers, and Robertson Drug on Fort Ave.**

Sponsored by Lynchburg Parks & Recreation (434) 455-5858 and

Bedford County Parks & Recreation (540) 586-7682.

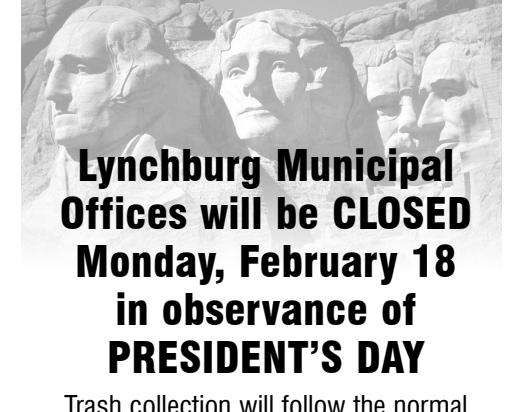
*NOTE: This is an alcohol free, smoke free event for adults of all ages!*



## Know the Law... Crosswalk Safety

Did you know that in Virginia, drivers must yield to pedestrians that are in a crosswalk? A pedestrian crosswalk is a painted area at an intersection or a highway which has a speed limit of 35 miles or less. When a pedestrian is crossing in a clearly marked crosswalk and the speed limit is less than 35 miles per hour, the driver of any automobile approaching that crosswalk is required to change course, slow down or come to a complete stop, if that maneuver is necessary to allow the pedestrian to cross safely.

Crosswalks are a simple and often overlooked component of any city's transportation infrastructure. Safe crosswalks support all other modes of transportation—transit, bicycling. The next time you approach a crosswalk, slow down and be aware of any pedestrians. Traffic and pedestrian safety is everyone's responsibility.

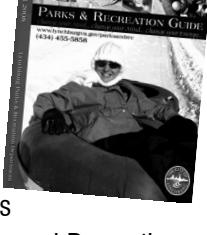


**Lynchburg Municipal Offices will be CLOSED Monday, February 18 in observance of PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Trash collection will follow the normal schedule. The Landfill will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call Citizens First at 856-CITY (2489) for more information.

## Winter Recreation Guide Now Available!

The Winter Recreation Guide from Parks and Recreation is available at [www.lynchburgva.gov](http://www.lynchburgva.gov) and will be stocked at City Hall and the Recreation Center later this week. Let Lynchburg Parks and Recreation help you "Change Your Mood, Change Your Mind, and Change Your Energy" in 2008!



**Calling All Chocoholics!**  
**Saturday, February 9**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

The Lynchburg Community Market invites you to participate in their first annual "Chocolate Challenge!"

Participants will compete for ribbons, cash prizes, and serious Market bragging rights. A limited number of \$5.00 tasting tickets will be sold the day of the event. Entry forms can be found at the Community Market, Monday-Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or on the Internet by visiting: [www.lynchburgcommunitymarket.com](http://www.lynchburgcommunitymarket.com)

For more details contact Lynchburg Community Market at (434) 455-4486.